



8/17/98 Fall

A 15-year-old youth was killed, and 27-year old coworker seriously injured, from a fall off of a 4-story building.

The two men were part of a window washing crew. The older man was suspended in a boatswain's chair cleaning windows when the carriage of the chair came off the roof. The youth fell over the parapet, and landed 40 feet below.

Questions to ask?

- If your company employs persons under the age of 18, does the company comply with Washington laws that spell out which jobs are prohibited for minor workers?
- When performing work that requires the use of scaffolding, is the correct type of scaffolding being used and is a competent person assigned to oversee the operation?
- Have workers been trained to recognize specific hazards associated with setting up and performing work on scaffolds?